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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

O. SAITO et al.

Atty. Docket Number: 107355-00086

Application No.: 10/660,777

Group Art Unit: 3618

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Examiner: G. Klebe

For: HYBRID VEHICLE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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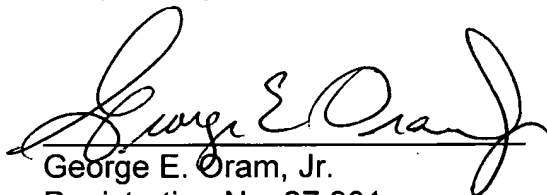
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed June 24, 2005, the Applicants hereby elect Species I directed to Fig. 1, readable on Claims 1 and 3-9. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Species I, Fig. 1, readable on Claims 1 and 3-9 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 107355-00086.

Respectfully submitted,


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